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For: CURRENT COLLECTION THROUGH THE ENDS
OF A SPIRALLY WOUND ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

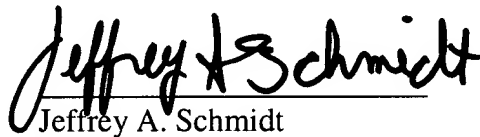
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Communication from a Foreign Patent Office indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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